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HAMILTON COUNTY)
SS:
STATE OF OHIO)

THOMAS CLARKE, doing business as Clarke's Sanitary Fill, 2040 Kemper Road, Cincinnati 41, Ohio, being first duly cautioned and sworn says that he has since the time of the Ford Motor Company's opening of their Sharonville plant supplied incinerator service for the disposal of said company's combustible industrial waste material and cyanide chemicals, the same being more recently evidenced by a written instrument dated February 3, 1964, by and between said Ford Motor Company and deponent.

Further, deponent states that in regard to the cyanide chemicals of the Ford Motor Company, the same has, at all times, been received by the deponent at 2040 Kemper Road, as per agreement, and said chemicals were shipped in Ford Motor Company trucks and disposed of by one A. Skinner in Butler County, Ohio.

Further, deponent saith not.

Thomas Clarke

Thomas Clarke, dba Clarke's Sanitary Fill

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 14th day of September, 1964.

Paul G. Smith
Notary Public, Hamilton County,
State of Ohio

TYLER, HANE & RUBIN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
706 BAREW TOWER
CINCINNATI 2, OHIO

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CIVIL CASE

Revised Code, Sec. 2137.11-13, 2325.07, 311.17

The State of Ohio,.....Butler.....County. Common Pleas Court
To.....E. J. Hollenbeck, Ford Transmission Plant,
.....Sharonville, Ohio.....
Home Address:.....6680 N. Clippinger Dr. Indian Hill.....

You are hereby required to be and appear before the Common Pleas Court at the Court House in said County, on the.....18th.....day of.....September.....A. D. 19.....64, at.....9:30.....o'clock.....A.....M., to testify as a witness in a certain case pending in said Court, wherein.....Clarence Brackney, Zoning Adm.Plaintiff....., and.....Albert Skinner, et al.....Defendant.....; and also that you bring with you and produce at the time and place aforesaid

records of materials, especially chemicals delivered to Skinner dump in Union Twp, Butler County, Ohio, either directly delivered or rerouted from the Clark dump.

Records to include identity of materials, dates, and disposition,

and not depart the Court without leave. Herein fail not, under penalty of the law. And have you then and there this writ.

Said Court requires your said attendance on behalf of the.....plaintiff.....
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court,

this.....8th.....day of.....September.....19.....64.....

JOSEPH T. KIEP

Clark

By.....*Quinteth J. Harrison*.....
Deputy

Ford Motor Company

TRANSMISSION AND CHASSIS DIVISION

FAIRFAX-SHARONVILLE PLANT
3000 SHARON ROAD, SHARONVILLE OHIO

MAILING ADDRESS
P O BOX 939
CINCINNATI OHIO

June 23, 1964

Dr. Louis W. Gaker
Commissioner of Health
Butler County Health Department
Court House
Hamilton, Ohio

Dear Dr. Gaker:

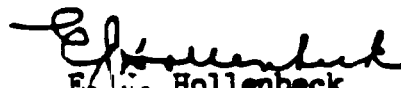
We have discussed your letter of June 10, 1964 concerning one of our Company trucks transporting waste material to Mr. Skinner's dump in West Chester, Ohio with Mr. Clarke of Clarke's Sanitary Fill, 2040 Kemper Road, Sharonville, Ohio.

We have a contract with Mr. Clarke for the disposal of trash from our Cincinnati plants. However, we were not aware of the fact that through a misunderstanding Mr. Clarke requested our driver to deliver the material to Mr. Skinner's dump. Upon receipt of your letter this practice was discontinued.

~~_____~~ is aware of this and he has promised to take action to prevent recurrence.

We appreciate your interest in bringing this incident to our attention and we assure you that in the future our trucks will not be used for transporting material to dumps we do not have an agreement with.

Very truly yours,


E. J. Hollenbeck
Plant Manager

MR/nd

cc: Mr. Clarke

July 16, 1964

Mr. Albert Skinner
P.O. Box 155
West Chester, Ohio

Dear Mr. Skinner:

May I thank you for your co-operation in disposing of the chemicals received from Mr. Clarke. I was impressed by your operation and the housekeeping at your disposal. Your equipment, roads and fill were in excellant condition at the time of my visit July 10, 1964.

Once again our heartfelt thanks for preventing what could have been a serious threat from developing in our county.

Very truly yours,

George C. Bailey, R.S.
Director of Environmental Health
Hamilton County Health Department

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cc: Chester Tidings

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The material involved in this incident was cyanide ash which is toxic and which should be disposed of by burial. Mr. Clarke is aware of this and he has promised to take action to prevent recurrence.

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cc: Mr. Clarke

BRIEDE & SPOERL

SUCCESSORS TO:

SHANK & BRIEDE & SPOERL,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

FOURTH FLOOR RENTSCHLER BLDG.

HAMILTON, OHIO

TELEPHONE 895-3214

ROBT. J. BRIEDE
SAM F. SPOERL, JR.

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September 24, 1964

Butler County Board of Health
Courthouse
Hamilton, Ohio

Re: Union Township Improvement Association
(Albert Skinner Dump)

Gentlemen:

I have not yet received an answer from you of my letter dated August 28, 1964, in which I requested a copy of the minutes of the meeting of August 5, 1964, together with copies of minutes of all meetings in which discussion was had in regard to the Skinner Dump.

During testimony in the case of Brackney vs. Skinner now being heard in the Butler County Common Pleas Court, certain facts were revealed, which should be called to your attention, relative to sodium cyanide being disposed of upon the Skinner property:

1. Mr. Kenneth Wilbur of Goshen, Ohio, who is a Metallurgical Engineer for the Ford Motor Company at Sharonville, Ohio, testified that sodium cyanide is used in certain processing at the Sharonville Plant; that the solution of sodium cyanide becomes "spent" and must be disposed of and that such disposition is made under private contract; that the "spent" sodium cyanide usually contains some active cyanide ingredients, which are highly toxic and could poison an entire water supply; that the safe way to neutralize sodium cyanide completely is by the use of chlorine gas.

2. There was other testimony to indicate that several drums of sodium cyanide were dumped on the Skinner property in May, 1964.

3. Mr. George Bailey, Director of Environmental Health, Hamilton County, Ohio, testified that on July 10, 1964, he was called to the Skinner Dump by Mr. Skinner and that Skinner requested that the cyanide materials be returned to Hamilton County; that he (Mr. Bailey) pleaded with Skinner not to send the cyanide materials back to the Clarke Dump on Kemper Road for the reason that the

Clarke Dump is located near to a water supply for 50,000 people; that at the time he investigated this matter on July 10, 1964, the cyanide materials were not in the metal drums in which they were taken to the dump because the drums had been broken and the cyanide materials were mixed with soil and loaded on a truck; that Mr. Bailey indicated to Skinner that the cyanide materials should be buried on the Skinner property, but he was not present during the burying process. Mr. Bailey further testified that he made no tests of the soil nor was he able to state whether or not the cyanide materials could enter the water supply.

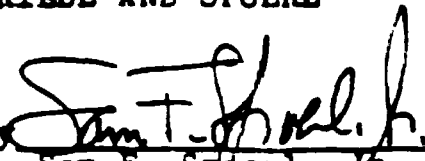
In my previous conversation with Dr. Gaker, he stated to me that the cyanide materials had been reburied in the Skinner property on Mr. Bailey's direction in metal drums and that Bailey had made certain tests of the ground and was convinced that the cyanide materials were not dangerous to the water supply in the area.

I am writing this letter to you to indicate that the sodium cyanide residue is not at this time in the metal drums in which it was delivered to the Skinner Dump, nor did Mr. Bailey make any tests of the ground.

We feel that the cyanide materials are potentially very dangerous and that the placing of such materials in the dump is a violation of the law and of your rules and regulations. We intend to contact the Ohio State Water Pollution Control Board in Columbus relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BRIEDE AND SPOERL

By 
Sam F. Spoerl, Jr.

SFS:jl

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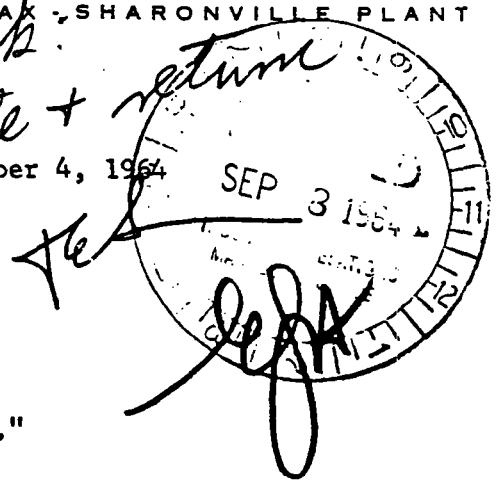
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FAIRFAX - SHARONVILLE PLANT

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Mr. Hollenbeck
P.S. note + return

September 4, 1964



Mr. R. E. Stenberg

1. Copy of attached sent to Farnette.
2. Future correspondence will be "confidential."
3. Office of General Counsel wants a letter from Clark's Incinerator stating the location (s) where our material was finally placed. Clark was in today and promised to provide it.
4. Frank Kallin was called in on this by the General Counsel, and he called me last night. I brought him up to date. He said that we dispose of this material at Monroe and Sandusky where they have large plating operations.

Monroe handles all of the Detroit area. It appears that the cyanide is treated with chlorine and the chemical reaction breaks the compound into three compounds (water, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, I think).

Kallin says that most large cities have chemical reduction plants that will haul the stuff and process it if we cannot arrive at a better solution.

H. N. Klinetop

H. N. Klinetop, Supervisor
Salaried Personnel & Training

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Deputy

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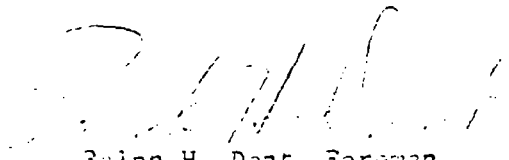
September 8, 1964

Subject: Cyanide Waste

Reference: Gerald Oliver - 3194 - Dept. 224

Mr. Oliver states that on May 12, 1964, driving truck #C-105, he took about 5 - 200# drums of so called cyanide waste from Sharonville salvage department to the Clarke Sanitary fill on Kemper Road. Upon arriving at the Clarke dump, Mr. Oliver was told that he was to take the load to the Skinner dump in West Chester to be buried. People at Clarke dump then loaded on our truck, four fifty-five gallon drums of their material to be buried with ours. In addition, they sent their man (Bill), along with our driver with money to pay the man at Skinners. The load was delivered to Skinners dump site by Mr. Oliver and dumped on top of the ground.

The man at Skinners dump said the charge would be \$20.00 and the amount that Bill had was not enough. Bill called back to Clarke and was told to pay what he had and Clarke would send the balance to Mr. Skinner. This was agreed to by man at Mr. Skinners dump.


Ralph H. Dent, Foreman
Transportation Department